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"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, . . . And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-13, 16.

"And, lo, the Star"

PHILIP D. GENDREAU, N.Y.

NOTES From My LETTERS

By
J. H. WALKER
General Overseer

Dear Brother Walker:

I just thought it worth writing you to let you know what our people did for our aged ministers on November 7. Our quota is \$19.40, but when the reports came in the grand total was \$54.28. The freewill method was used, so I can say our people heartily appreciate their veteran ministers. One church raised \$2 per member.

A fine spirit of cooperation exists in the state and much prayer is being offered up at various churches.

We were elated over the prospect of the churches in Haiti being reopened. May our God grant the fruition of that blessed possibility.

May God bless you in your work. We covet your prayers for our state.—A. H. Thompson, overseer of Montana.

We are having a great revival. God is blessing. Brother Chambers is doing some old-time preaching. Twelve were filled with the Holy Ghost in less than two weeks. Pray for us at Burlington.—L. O. Henry, pastor, Burlington, N. C.

Just a few lines to say we have just organized another new church in Arizona. The new church is at Coolidge, and the prospects look good for a great work there.

The Lord is blessing us in our work here. We are happy to be able to work for God and His Church in the great open West.—O. C. Crank, overseer of Arizona.

The Lord has been good to us, whereof we are glad. It has been said by many that we have had the greatest revival here at Bristol in the history of the Church. There were twenty saved, nine sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twenty added to the church. One elderly man who had been attending the church for about fifteen years, without being saved, was gloriously saved and came into the church. Many have

said that this was a great miracle.

Several were divinely touched and healed. So we praise God for all these wonderful blessings, and we feel that we do have much for which to praise Him.

May the Lord greatly bless you as you continue to work for Him.—George Brazell, pastor, Bristol, Tenn.

We are still at work in Kansas (Kansas City). We will soon have a nice church building in Kansas City, which will belong to the Church of God. Praise God, He is still on the throne. Please pray for this work.—T. A. Perkins, pastor, Kansas City, Kansas.

TELEGRAM: We have just closed our Iowa state ministers' prayer conference, which proved a blessing. The whole week was devoted to prayer and Bible study by and for the minister. The presence of the Lord was enjoyed immensely by all who attended. This plan was adopted by the ministers at the ministers' meeting and is to be carried on throughout the year.—M. W. Dewitt, pastor, Jefferson, Iowa.

TELEGRAM: The Lord is blessing Columbia with a great revival. Thirty saved, sixteen sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost first week. Altar filled with seekers. Best revival in years. Great crowds. Expecting many additions to church. Outstanding evangelist, Rev. Walter Skutar, of Pennsylvania.—Edwin M. Mortenson, pastor, Columbia, S. C.

I told you I would write you about our revival when it closed. There were thirty-five saved, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-five added to the church. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing Sunday night. Brother Jim Shephard was in charge of the preaching.

I am so happy over this revival I don't know what to do. Our little church went over the top in a big way. Brother E. L. Richardson is our pastor and a wonderful man of God. Our church membership has doubled since he has been our pastor. Pray for us.—Richard Lunsford, clerk of the Ages Church of God, Brookside, Kentucky.

I have been visiting the district fellowship meetings for the last two weeks, and the services have been (Continued on page 15)

Notices

This is to notify you that Thomas G. Evans is no longer a minister in the Church of God, his license having been revoked.—E. M. Ellis, overseer of Alabama.

My address has been changed to 930 Champion Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.—E. W. Williams, overseer of Ohio.

I am open for revivals. Anyone wishing my services in helping to build up their church may write me at 916 Mary St., Evansville 11, Ind. I will accept calls in any state.—R. H. Tadlock.

Revival

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. — We have just closed a good revival here at Morristown, with Sister Bessie Jones doing the preaching. Every message was a real good one backed by the power of God. Five were saved, three sanctified and one reclaimed. Sister Jones is a real evangelist. We covet your prayers for the church at Morristown, that we may be able to do great things for the Lord.—Baxter Bryant, pastor.

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He Shall Save

By REV. E. C. CLARK,

Editor



He Shall Rule

Text: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins," Matt. 1:21.

THIS announcement of the birth of our Lord was made by the angel Gabriel. In it we have the primary purpose of the coming to earth of Christ as Savior. The creation was lost in sin. This also included God's then chosen people, the Jews. Therefore something must be done in the nature of redemption before the kingdom of God could be set up on earth. There was no thought in the mind of God of having a kingdom unless it could be one in which there was no sin; therefore to accomplish this, Jesus must be born "in the likeness of sinful flesh" that He might destroy and condemn, or judge "sin in the flesh."

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil," 1 John 3:8.

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to suc-

cor them that are tempted," Heb. 2:14-18.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin," Heb. 4:15.

A SAVIOR

Luke tells us in chapter two and verse eleven that "Christ the Lord" is born—"a Saviour." That is, He was born destined to be the Savior of the human race. Unless they were saved

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May you everyone have a joyous Christmas and may health and prosperity attend you throughout the New Year.

—Editor.

from the effects of sins committed by them their personal relationships with God were broken and could not be restored, therefore the responsibility of disposing of sins as recorded in our text was placed squarely on the shoulders of Jesus Christ who was born of the virgin. To be our Savior He must not only save from past sins committed, but He must preserve those so saved from the power of sin, to the extent that they would cease to commit it.

In order to keep those who had professed faith in Christ as Lord and Savior from the power of sin, it was necessary that Jesus should subdue

the source of sin in the nature of its origin and its constitutionality; to do this it was necessary for Him to meet the originator of sin. This He did when He met Satan in the wilderness to be tempted by Him. To meet this challenge our Lord fasted forty days and nights, and committed Himself without reservation unto obedience to God. This obedience brought Him face to face with the cross "and being found in fashion as a man," unto whom it was appointed "once to die," "he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," Phil. 2:8; Heb. 9:27.

TRIUMPH

In the process of death, Jesus made Himself the sacrifice for our sins. This was a thing, though permissible with God, it was out of harmony with His nature for the just to suffer for the unjust; therefore, God accounted that Christ had died unjustly. He had therefore testified beforehand that "thou wilt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption," Psa. 16:8. Jesus was, in keeping with God's pledge to Him, raised from the dead by the Holy Ghost. Rom. 8:11. In the nature of this transaction death was defeated by Christ and He became in the very nature of the act "the resurrection and the life" incarnated. In keeping with the promises and purpose of God, He set Christ at His own right hand in heaven. "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that

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Religion and the World

Hungarian Christians United in Effort

A report coming out of Stockholm states that efforts intent upon obtaining unity between churches have been intensified, despite difficulties involved. Bishop Zoltan Turoczy, of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches, stated that better understanding had resulted in more friendly relation between the denominations. He warned, however, against complacency on the issue, reminding the Protestants that the Roman Catholic Church is opposed to any form of union except with Rome. The ravages of war seem intent upon crushing mankind physically for political advantages; along with this avalanche of destruction the spiritual man is gravely threatened as to his spiritual existence. However, out of it will come a deeper experience of heartfelt religion and a more stalwart Christian to tackle the obstacles of hindrances to Christian progress. This war will act as a refiner of the dross from the gold.

Divine Retribution in England

Under the above caption *Midnight Cry* reports from the pen of a Bournemouth, England, clergyman the following:

"We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's holy Sabbath day, picnicking and bathing. (Exod. 20:8-11; Isa. 58:13.) Now the seashores are barred; no picnics, no bathing. (1 John 2:15-17.) We have preferred motor travel to church going. (Heb. 10:25.) Now there is a shortage of motor fuel. We have ignored the ringing of church bells calling us to prayer. Now bells cannot ring except to warn us of invasion. We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshippers. Now they are in ruin. (Jer. 26:13.) We would not listen to the way of peace. (Zech. 7:11-13; Isa. 59:8.) Now we are forced to listen to the way of war. The money we would not give to the Lord's work now is taken in taxes and higher prices. (Mal. 3:8-12.) The food for which we forgot to say thanks (Rom. 1:21) now is unobtainable. The serv-

ice we refused to give God (John 12:26) now is conscripted for the country. Lives we refused to live under God's control now are under the nation's control. Nights we would not spend in watching unto prayer (Matt. 26:41) now are spent in anxious air-raid precautions. The evils of modernism we would not fight, we see now in what Germany, the seat of this teaching, has produced." (Isa. 58:1.)



Disguised Clergy

Lisbon gives a report through RNS to the effect that clergymen disguised as laborers and registered also as laborers have accompanied the deported French workers to Germany. There are always some who are willing to forego hardships to be of service of mankind despite the dangers confronting them. There is also strong resistance reported by the Christians and church workers in France to the occupational forces.

Churches Battle Famine in China

Church groups, missionaries and business men have joined, according to RNS reports, to combat famine in China in the locality of Kwangtung province. In Toishan 40 per cent of the population are reported to have died of starvation. More than 5,000 dead have been picked

up from the streets. This figure does not include those who died in homes.

Jewish Action and Reaction

One hundred and fifty-three rabbis—Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative—have thus far donned military uniforms for the duration to serve men and women in the Army and Navy. Twenty-one more rabbis have been endorsed for service by the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the Jewish Welfare Board. It is probable that before the year's end there will be a Jewish chaplains' group of over 200—eight times as many as in World War I.

All American citizens in Cracow, German capital of occupied Poland, who were Jews, have been shot by the Gestapo, according to a London dispatch to the Polish Telegraph Agency. The news was carried in the latest issue of the Polish underground newspaper, *Nowe Drogi*, copies of which have reached England. The executions are in line with the Nazi threats to exterminate all Jews, Poles, and Russians, if a German defeat becomes imminent.

Chinese and Crime

Out of about 3,000 Chinese boys and girls in the New York area, says the UNITED PRESBYTERIAN, there have been only two cases of juvenile delinquency in the past eight years. Chinese delinquency is the rarest in proportion to population among all racial groups. Chinese teachers were asked the reason. They quoted a precept of Confucius in reply: "The misconduct of the child is the fault of the parents." Every parent in America should read this! Read also Prov. 22:6. — *Today's Missionary*.

Colleges in China Increase Enrollment

Enrollment in Christian colleges and universities in China have increased 20 per cent since last year, according to a report from the Associated Boards of Christian colleges in China. An increase of 965 students in twelve Christian colleges in Free China is reported. The Protestant Episcopal St. John's University located at Shanghai has a record enrollment of 3,000 students as against an enrollment of 900 two years ago. These reports are encouraging that something better than war is anticipated in China.

God's Gift.....

By REV. J. H. WALKER

General Overseer



THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

Text: John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

THE Apostle Paul said, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." Christ is spoken of as the gift, the free gift, and as the unspeakable gift. Words are inadequate to express the value of this marvelous, stupendous gift. Any gift may be subjected to at least four searching tests: First, its motive; second, its intrinsic value; third, its uniqueness; and fourth, its usefulness.

Everyone can readily see that the motive of this gift was love. God so loved, that He gave. The gift becomes an expression of love. The first Christmas gift was not given to a child, but it was a child as a gift. God gave His only begotten Son. Love prompted this gift. There cannot be true love without giving; true love must give. No doubt, you have heard people say, "Oh, she sent me something on my birthday; so I shall send her something Christmas." Other more cautious givers have been known to slip around to find out what certain ones were going to buy them so that they might know how to purchase a gift in return. Some business men figure that it is good advertising to send gifts to their customers. These are more or less duty gifts and policy gifts, and this kind of gifts are not prompted by the true motive of giving.

I heard the story once of a father who had gone away on a trip. Upon his return he was met at the gate by his children. All the children ran with flowers to meet their father, except one poor, unfortunate little son, known as a half-wit. When he saw the other children gathering something to carry, he picked up some sticks and ran with a handful of sticks to greet his father. The father appreciated the roses; but he also understood the thought of the little child with the

handful of sticks, and he stooped down and picked up the little boy, sticks and all.

Ah, so many times you have heard one say, "It is not the price of the gift that means so much but the expression of thoughtfulness and appreciation and the love behind the token." How many pastors have had glad hearts because of the little tokens of appreciation given them by their members. I know how one feels when someone gives you something just because he wanted to give it to you, just because he loved you.

No one could question God's gift, because the motive was true. This gift came right from the heart of God as an overflowing, invisible light beam proceeding from His heart to our

it is not a matter of value but of just something different. But when we think of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, of the great universality of our Lord, we are almost overwhelmed, for divine love is the sublime source of the whole proceeding; and it has been lavished on everyone who will accept it, not on just a selected few, but it is for the whole world, for God "will have all men to be saved," 1 Timothy 2:4. The idea of giving a life is so different. The dual man—God and man, seeking all men, Jew and Gentile—is an inspiration to the strongest and wisest and the comfort and spiritual strength to the weakest of His creatures. There is no man like this man; no man spake like this man. A king and yet so unlike a king! His cradle

was not His own—only a borrowed manger. When He rode, He rode on another's animal. When He pushed out from the shore to speak to the multitudes on the amphitheater bank of the sea, it was in another's boat; and the fish's mouth was His purse. At the last when He was laid away in a tomb, it was in the new-hewn tomb of another that He was put away, where soldiers were placed as guards. He was different!

Let us think of the usefulness of gifts. Many times among the little trinkets and toys and what-nots that are given to excite laughter and cause the children's hearts to go pitty-pat, we find gifts that we know not how to use. Too many times fathers break the play toys the night before Christmas, before little Johnny gets to see them. Some they can't find any use for. But God's gift is tested—tested with the centuries and we know the benefits of it.

Men may spend millions of dollars, but never could they purchase a more useful gift than a gift of life. During this terrible conflict of World War No. 2, millions of people are giving of their wealth to support the cause; but no

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—the Christ of Christmas!—J. H. Walker.

hearts. He gave this that we might learn the meaning of love; that we might believe on Him and have everlasting life. Think of the value of the gift, of the intrinsic value—greater than all gifts of gold, or silver, or precious stones. Nothing can be compared in value with a life that is given. God's gift is a life in which truth and love are supreme—the most lovely character in the world! He came to reveal to human beings the great love of God. Thus, Jesus Christ is the most precious gift possible.

Let us notice the uniqueness of this gift. Many times we tire of sending the same kind of gifts, and we search for something that we think will be different and attractive. Many times

The Birth of

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By REV. EARL P. PAULK
First Assistant General Overseer

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A NEW KING

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him," Matthew 2:1-3.

HAD Herod known the will and purpose of God for fallen humanity, then he himself would have been looking for the new-born Babe that was to be the King of the Jews; but although he was an outstanding man and one of much training in his day (for he had to be such to be the king), yet he did not know the Babe of Bethlehem. Herod, not knowing our Lord and the facts concerning His birth, causes us to remember the record of John concerning our Lord's visit into this world (St. John 1:10): "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."

The world in that day did not know the blessed Son of God, and the world in this day does not know Him. Only those who will receive this blessed Gift of God can know Him; and although the "high-ups" of that day did not know our Lord at His birth into this world, yet when He came great things took place. Two worlds were made to rejoice together. The mortal beings that were there were made happy. "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, . . . And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good

will toward men."

A REAL NEED

The most outstanding need today for each and every individual—those of the higher walks of life and those who are looked upon as the common people—is the blessed Son of God, who will bring peace and joy to their hearts and will cause good will to flow from heart to heart. When a person receives the Lord Jesus into his heart, great things happen in the soul. One is made happy because he is redeemed from sin, and the old paths that he one time trod he will follow no more. Those that cursed and drank intoxicating beverages and walked the ways of the world will do those things no more. "Therefore if any man be in



Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Yes, this poor old world of sin today needs a new attitude; and to have that new attitude, one must have the Lord Jesus Christ. Men within themselves cannot change—that is, to the extent that they are able to walk clear and free from malice and envy, the things that bring trouble and destruction upon the human family.

Those who do not know the wonderful Son of God will certainly walk the way of the world; and by walking therein they bring trouble to themselves and those around about them. Therefore the only real remedy to

fallen humanity is the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior. Thanks and praises be unto God for the day He came to seek and to save that which was lost!

HOW WE SHOULD CELEBRATE

This world, generally speaking, fails to celebrate Christmas as they should. I am sure the great heart of Almighty God bleeds on this day as much as, if not more than, at any other time, because on this day there is drinking, cursing, carousing around, and even murder, possibly more than on any other day of the year. Instead of such sinful indulgences being prominent on a day of this kind, there should be happiness, good will toward each other, the spirit of thankfulness, and reverence to the eternal God. Our hearts should sing praises unto God because of the great and wonderful Gift that He was so mindful to give unto us that we might be redeemed from eternal downfall.

Surely today when we think of our precious boys who are giving their blood and even their lives for their country, we, who are Christians, should give ourselves unto God to praise Him for the Lord

Jesus Christ who gave His life on Calvary and shed His blood that we might be redeemed. We should so live that we may after all have an opportunity to behold God in all His glory and beauty and live with our blessed Redeemer throughout all eternity. My, how wonderful the thought!

In our celebration of this Christmas let us spend some time in prayer. Pray that our God will bring this mighty world conflict to an end so that our boys may return home and the lights come on all over the world. Let us pray that the Babe that brought joy on that day, and will still bring joy to those who will accept Him, will be

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The Only

By REV. E. J. BOEHMER
General Secretary and Treasurer

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Begotten of the Father

THE virgin birth of Jesus Christ is the greatest fact of history and the greatest event recorded in the Word of God. It is the greatest miracle of the ages, and though disputed and ridiculed by many, the fact remains that the one who was cradled in Bethlehem's manger is, in reality, the Son of God.

The prophets prophesied concerning Him. The angels announced His birth. The shepherds found Him wrapped in swaddling clothes, and the wise men presented Him with gold, frankincense and myrrh.

All the four Gospels give us a divine record of this Christ. They tell of His wondrous birth, His life, His death and His ascension to the Father. We are told by John that the Word was in the beginning and that He was with God and that the Word was God. He tells us also that all things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. What a wonderful thought to know that this divine Word was made flesh and dwelled among us.

There is nothing shadowy or unreal in the birth of Jesus Christ. He came as a real babe, born of the virgin Mary and cradled in the manger of Bethlehem, in a definite place, and at a definite time in the world's history. In the incarnation of Jesus Christ we are face to face with the supernatural. The Apostle Paul spoke concerning the mystery of the incarnation. He said, "Great is the mystery of godliness." God manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into Glory. Christ was God before He entered into human form, so He could not cease to be God after He took upon Him the human nature.

John tells us His coming into the world was a gift of love, for he said that, "God so loved the world, that he gave . . ." Later the same writer tells us He was the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. God's testimony of Him was that it was His Son and in Him He was well pleased. We are told by one sacred writer that though Christ was rich,

yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich. Then again we read that though Christ was in the form of man He thought it not robbery to be equal with God but made Himself of no reputation and took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. And since He was found in the fashion of men, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

When Christ came He came as a



Savior, as a Redeemer. He came to make our lives happy and to make our lives enjoyable and worth living. While Christ came to bring blessings to the human heart, such blessings could only come through suffering on His part. Immediately after His birth, Herod sought to destroy Him. To others He was a gazing stock. One writer spoke of Him as a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. Then we read where He wept over the condition of the people. This suggests to us that He had at heart the interest of the human race.

The human race is now confronted with the question as to what they will do with this Christ who was born in Bethlehem of Judea, who was the carpenter's son, and dwelled in the little town of Nazareth. Isaiah speaks of Him as one who was despised and re-

jected of men. He was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief and that the people hid their faces from Him and did not esteem Him. He bore the sins and griefs of the people, yet, says the prophet, "We did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted." Notwithstanding that fact, He was wounded for the transgressions of the people, bruised for their iniquity, and the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. Again we are told that He was oppressed and afflicted but He opened not His mouth. He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before her shearers, but He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison to judgment and finally made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death. It pleased God to bruise Him. He has put Him to grief, and made His soul an offering for sin. God made all the provision necessary for the salvation of the human family. While that is true, we read of some who would not receive Him. We are told that He came to His own and they received Him not, but to as many as received Him to them gave He power (or the right) to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name. He is standing at the door of many hearts today knocking and asking for an entrance. If they will only open the door of their heart and let Him in it will mean joy, peace, and happiness to them and they will really enjoy the Christ whose birth we shall soon celebrate, realizing for themselves that joy of which the angels spoke when they announced to the shepherds the birth of Christ.

This Christ of whom we are speaking, and whose birth we shall soon celebrate, is deeply interested in the welfare of us all. His hands are full of blessings toward the human race. He is the Christ who knows how to sympathize with every troubled heart

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Institutions . . . Their Functions and Motives

By E. E. Coleman

(This is the last of five articles on the above subject.)

Business Enterprises

We have treated the FAMILY, the CHURCH, the SCHOOL, the NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, and now we devote this chapter to the BUSINESS ENTERPRISES of our country.

It has been said, that if we could take SIN out of BUSINESS, all concerned would profit, and I'm sure all agree that that is true. Yet we have business, and we have sin in it. I do not expect to see business without sin until the Son of God is inaugurated as earth's Ruler and gives the rod of iron to His people to enforce righteousness in all the earth: but I do not expect Him to give the rod of iron to people who have employed sinful tactics in their business professions.

It is indeed a pleasure to do business with an honest man, a man who, though he is trying to make an honest dollar, will not try to take undue advantage of you in a trade.

There is nothing wrong with making money. God has had many men in His employ who were very rich. Abraham was a rich man, and he was considered the friend of God. Even after God allowed the devil to take all of Job's riches, He gave him more after he had proven true to God than he ever had before. Solomon asked for wisdom, and this so pleased God that He gave him both wisdom and riches. Philemon was a rich and influential Christian at Colosse, to whom Paul addressed one of his epistles. All these examples prove that God is not opposed to men gathering riches, if they do it honestly and use it for His glory.

The Bible does not say that MONEY is the root of all evil, but that the LOVE of MONEY is the root of all evil. God is the only One who is worthy of our LOVE and WORSHIP, and when one takes his or her heart's affections from God and sets them upon riches, then riches become his or her god, and they become an idol worshipper.

I think God has more pleasure in the man who makes a fortune

by exercising caution and economy, and uses it in God's cause, even if he does use it liberally on himself, than He does in the man who goes through life in a shiftless and careless way, and is unable to meet his own obligations or to help the cause of God.

I believe the Bible teaches a legitimate, honest way to carry on a business and make money, but what God hates is the unholy, illegitimate, extortionate way of a miser filling his coffers with ill-gotten gold and silver, when all around him are people suffering from want and exposure.

The righteousness and therefore the legitimacy of a business may be determined by answering these three questions:

(a) Does the world need it? (b) Does it offer a blessing to society? (c) Is its ultimate end the glory of God? If the business man can answer these three questions in the affirmative, then he is justified in his business deliberations. If he is forced to answer any of them in the negative, then his business is illegitimate. If the world does not need it, then there is no place for it, and if it is carried on it is an imposition and a nuisance. If it does not offer a blessing, then it offers a curse and one can see that this old world has enough of that. If its ultimate end is not the glory of God, then it is not justifiable, because the Bible has said for us to do all we do to the glory of God.

Business provides for our homes, erects our churches, builds our schools, supports our institutions for the aged and insane, protects us from the criminal element, finances war against an aggressive enemy, and supports our national government. It is possible to do all this without any revenue from whiskey, beer, wine, gambling machines, horse races, theaters, etc. And any nation that depends on these things for its support cannot hope for much support from God.

Some high-ranking government officials have already warned the

American people against the influx of international gangsters that will take place at the close of this war, unless the entire nation rises against it. These gangsters will be well trained in modern methods of transportation, communication and organization. They will have at their head men who have been hardened by this war, men who have been taught to hate, men who will not hesitate to commit murder if they think it will bring them another bloody reward. Then the business of dope smuggling and peddling, the white slavery racket, international lottery machines, counterfeiting machines and whatever else these desperate men can devise, will be carried on on a national and international scale, aided by airplanes, submarines, radio, television, fast cars, and ocean-going ships. That is a problem that the men of vision are seeing now. There are steps being taken now to counteract this awful, pernicious business. And I think that the business men who are honest should start at once to prepare to cope with this element.

When the war is over there are going to be thousands of soldiers turned back into civilian life to make their ways in a world that has made so many changes that they are going to have a hard time keeping pace with it. These men are going into some kind of business. What kind will it be??? Some will enter honest and worthwhile enterprises and will be a great help to the world at large. Others will open pool rooms, gambling dens, theaters, houses of prostitution, race tracks and lottery rackets, and any one of these will create new problems for the law, new problems for the church and greater responsibility for parents; they will thrust upon society more degenerates and impose upon the state more criminals; they will send more boys and girls to a devil's hell, and they will destroy the four freedoms that we are fighting for now. Only one business will profit by their pernicious practice, and that will be the undertaking establishments.

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B. T. S. and College News



2 Tim. 3:12, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Did you ever have the devil to persecute you in your body? To be afflicted in the flesh by the enemy is one way to suffer persecution, sickness, disease, torture, even martyrdom. All of these are persecutions common to true Christians.

Satan may persecute your soul. It is true that our souls are sometimes attacked by spiritual powers that only the blood, the pleading of that blood, and firm unwavering faith in God can conquer.

It is also possible and a fact that all spirits are sometimes weighted down by burdens of sin. It is then we feel that things move very slowly in progress for God and His cause or His Church.

It is also possible that Satan can attack our minds, rendering us untold agony unless by the divine healing power of God we can resist or rebuke the demon of insanity.

I believe the most painful persecution of all, though, is that of the heart. The heart is the seed of man's soul. Out of it flow the issues of life. To be cut to the heart, to feel it ache and bleed for those, whether our friends or our enemies, is the hardest persecution one can be partaker of. Often as I have stood and felt the thrust of a sword, so to speak, probably and usually by the very ones you love the most, I have thought thus: "This is how Christ's heart ached for His people; thus He was able to utter those precious words, 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do,'" Mark 23:34.

To those who are contemplating becoming Christians, let me say, It will not always be a bed of roses but, as in 2 Timothy 3:12, "Ye shall suffer persecution."

Those of you who are now Christians know this to be a fact and not only a fact of the past but of the future and yea, even of the present.

Backsliders who have once known God, if returning to God shall also suffer persecution.

But thank God, the scripture hath said, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." 2 Timothy 2:12.—Nadyne Clouse.

I praise God for this opportunity I have of being in Bible School. For years I have longed to come and prayed that God would prepare the way that I might come. Now I am here and I praise God for everything. Sometimes it seems almost like a dream to be here, but God placed me

here and I am trying to take advantage of every opportunity possible to prepare myself better for the ministry of Jesus Christ, in which I have tried to serve for the last few years.

I am sure that Bible School is the best place one can go when he feels the call of God, since it qualifies one to sing a better song, preach a better sermon, pray a better prayer, and live a better life.

I feel the hand of God upon me now and that I am in the center of His divine will.

I sincerely desire an interest in the prayers of those who read this that I will humbly submit to His will in everything and that He will take me through school.—Earl Powell, Jacksonville, Ga.

Northwest Bible School

Dear Editor:

Opening of the 1943-44 term of the Northwest Bible and Music Academy.

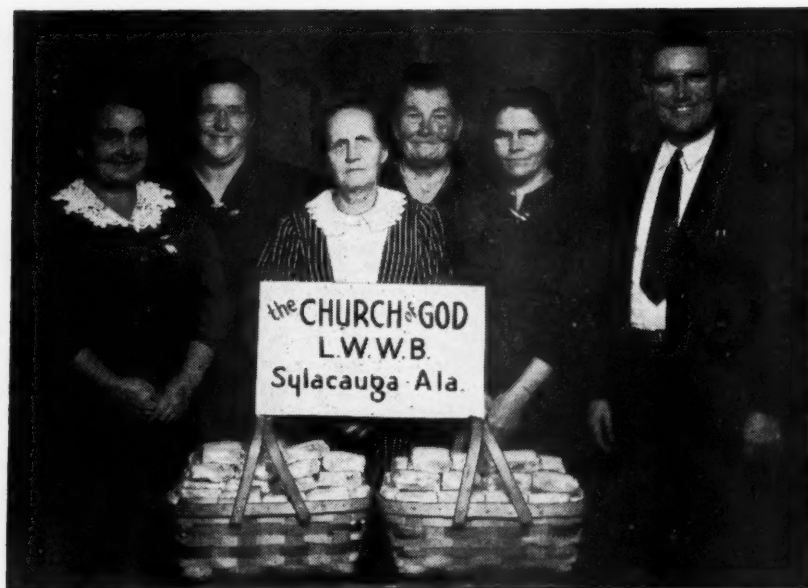
Again, it was my privilege to be at Lemmon, South Dakota, November 1, when another term of this school was inaugurated. Having been associated with the school for a number of years as student, teacher, and superintendent, my soul was exceedingly blessed at the opening of the present term.

A goodly number of students, relatives, and friends, and ministers were present despite a snowstorm which hindered some. Approximately twenty-five students are expected to be enrolled. A glorious reception was made possible by the very intimate presence of the Holy Ghost. Brother Wiley Miller, of Ryder, N. D., who plowed through mud and snowdrifts all day Monday, said just the prayer he got in on at 10:00 that evening was worth it all. What a spirit prevailed! It was marvelous!

The preaching, in my estimation, was uniformly profound and spiritual. Brother Logsdon was at his best on "The Law of Liberty"; Brother Clark, of Wahpeton, opened our understanding on fishing for men; Brother Coleman, the new superintendent, left a deep impression on our minds as he spoke on "The Signs of Our Apostleship"; Brother Selness, of Mobridge, presented a unique sermon on Eccl. 9:14, 15; Brother Bober, of Gettysburg, delivered a fine sermon while we were absent; Brother Miller preached a great sermon on "Victory Through Christ," and Brother Sexton, state evangelist, climaxed the meeting with a powerful sermon on "Instruction to Those Seeking the Holy Ghost Baptism." The writer also was privileged to speak to a fine Sunday morning congregation.

Taking everything into consideration, we can say, "It was good to have been there."—A. H. Thompson, overseer of Montana.

Sylacauga, Ala., L.W.W.B. and Y.P.E. Doing a Great Work



This group of people, small in number as they are, is the L.W.W.B. of Sylacauga, Ala. There are some others who help some occasionally and others give their finance each week to help the band and Y.P.E. whose duties will not allow them to be present to work.

The L.W.W.B. in twelve months has made and sold 16,000 sandwiches for the approximate amount of \$750. They have furnished the parsonage with nice furniture and rugs and just recently we have installed a gas heating system in the parsonage and the L.W.W.B. and Y.P.E. are paying for it. They have paid more than \$500 on other bills, including paving tax for two years, gas bills for church, interest on church note. The L.W.W.B. and Y.P.E. each gave me (their pastor) \$25 for my vacation to the Florida camp meeting in June, also gave me money for state convention and preachers' meeting, also \$20 a few days ago to buy my car tags, and many other things. The L.W.W.B. is one of the greatest blessings in the Church of God here. They stand by me and are ready to cooperate in anything we suggest for the interest of the church. They now have about \$250 in the treasury. The Y.P.E. has done a splendid work here and, my, how we

do appreciate them! They stand by us, too, and are ready to do anything for God's cause. They have paid for a Baby Grand piano, \$169, since I came here; also helped the evangelists, gave me \$25, as mentioned before, and shared in paying interest on church note and are sharing the burden for putting gas in the parsonage, and many other things too numerous to mention. The Y.P.E. in twelve months has made and sold \$991.55 worth of sandwiches and paid for the above things and now have around \$125 in their treasury. Well, all we wish to say is that you will go a long ways to find an L.W.W.B. and Y.P.E. that will beat this crowd. The church is being wonderfully blessed of the Lord; several have received the blessing since the Assembly and six have been added to the church this Assembly year already.

You will notice I have been given the right hand of fellowship in the band, too. I go before the ration board and secure the stamps, also buy all the ingredients for the sandwiches, take the ladies in my car to Sister Pinkie Crow's home to make the sandwiches, and help make them and sell them, with the exception of a very few in town and in the Avondale Mills here. They are so nice to us. We

go in the mill when we wish and sell on any shift we choose. Our general monthly average now is around 2,500 sandwiches, about \$125 profit monthly. I cannot say too many nice things for this mill company, especially Mr. Hugh M. Comer, the executive vice-president, who is a special friend of mine and the church here. The Church of God in Sylacauga has bright prospects for the future and is highly respected by the people and business men here. Pray for us.—J. A. Bixler, pastor, Box 47, Sylacauga, Ala.

He Brought Me Through

BLACKTON, Ark. — I praise our Father for His mighty power, for hearing and answering prayer. A few months ago I underwent a very serious operation. The doctors thought I had cancer, but, thank God, when the analysis came back I had no cancer. Dear ones, before I left home I was very weak. On Friday before I was operated on, I prayed to God if it was His will to spare me to be with my six little children. I had always had a fear of an operation, but all fear took flight after I prayed. I promised God I would live closer to Him in the future and do His will whatever it might be. By His help I intend to do so. All the way to the hospital my one thought was, "Lord, take me through." When they carried me into the operating room I saw the three doctors and nurses standing around ready to operate. All this didn't bother me in the least. My last thought was, "Lord, take me through." My doctor told me later I showed no fear at all. I told him that I knew the doctors were smart enough to perform the operation and that I had faith enough in God to believe He would heal me. He seemed pleased and said, "We can do nothing successfully without His help."

I want all the praying people to pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and pray much for my husband to be saved. My heart's desire is to have a 100 per cent Christian home. Pray for God to save my children when they become old enough to know right from wrong. Pray for God to give me back the sight of my right eye. I know His power to heal is the same as when He walked the shores of Galilee. Pray much for me.—Mrs. Elmer Bennett, Rt. 2, Box 43, Holly Grove, Ark.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

God to undertake for a friend of mine who is sentenced to the electric chair. He surely needs God and asks an interest in your prayers. Also pray that God will undertake in such a way that he will be granted a new trial and that he will be given justice. God to undertake and help three other friends who are in trouble. I also need your prayers. Be sure to carry these requests to God in prayer, I have the utmost confidence in you.—Rev. Wm. H. Price, Box 42, Millville, Fla.

My husband to be completely healed.—Mrs. Ila Alexander, Newry, S. C.

The healing of a sick lady in Arizona; my children and nephew.—Lottie Crow, Rt. 2, Box 101, Webbers Falls, Okla.

The healing of my body, I am seriously afflicted with sciatica, the pain is terrible at times.—Mrs. Dale Bryson, Box 645, Newark, Ohio.

God to completely heal my body, I have just undergone a major operation and am not doing well; my husband to be healed, he received a medical discharge from the Navy in June because of a back injury and his nerves.—Dorothy Holland, Box 510, Caruthersville, Mo.

The complete healing of my niece, who has some kind of spells.—Mrs. H. E. Boyette, B.T.S., Sevierville, Tenn.

God to undertake for my home.—Mrs. Esther Robertson, 172 Hawthorne St., Belmont, N. C.

My wife to be healed of severe headaches and a general run-down condition.—Rev. William Roberson, 1822 Indiana Ave., Joplin, Mo.

The Lord to heal my mother's finger.—Mrs. R. B. Montgomery, 312 Crowell St., Monroe, N. C.

The saving and healing of a friend; my son to be healed of something like catarrh of the head.—Rev. Wayne E. Briggs, Rt. 2, Box 85, Keysville, Va.

My husband to be healed, he has T.B. and has lost one eye and the other is very weak.—Mrs. Clyde Sharpe, c/o C. W. Hindman, Tyronza, Ark.

God to heal my body, my health is very bad and I am almost an invalid at times; my husband.—Mrs. Leroy Stallings, Rt. 1, Waycross, Ga.

The healing of my body; unspoken request.—Mrs. J. H. Youngblood, Poulan, Ga.

A man who either has infection or blood poison in an ulcer on his nose.—A saint of God, Lansing, Mich.

My sick husband in the army; me to be healed of head trouble and nervousness.—Vera McDonald, Olustee, Fla.

Me and my husband; we need special prayer.—Mrs. W. C. Larkin, 2603 Dawson St., Columbus, Ga.

The healing of my body; my loved ones.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 1, Box 37-B, Lithia, Fla.

My mother who is very sick and unsaved. Her address is Mrs. Etter Kinkade, 50 Belluve Ave., Santa Cruz, Calif.—Mrs. Opal Dodson, 3023 21st St., San Francisco 10, Calif.

My brother who is in the hospital to be healed and saved; my little grandson to be healed of a severe cold.—Mrs. Edgar Adcock, Rt. 2, Adairsville, Ga.

Sister S. R. Mitchell, who is suffering severely with cancer; my home; me.—Mrs. L. W. Laird, 817 N. Rankin St., Natchez, Miss.

The healing of my body.—Sister Dora Gray, Rt. 2, Baxley, Ga.

Me, I need your prayers very much.—Mrs. Libby Ammons, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

Sister Talbert who has paralysis and fits and needs a touch from the Lord.—Mrs. M. F. Robinson, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

REVIVAL

WOODRUFF, S. C.—We thank God for the good revival which we have had since our new pastor, Brother W. H. Huddleston, has come to us. From the beginning the old-time power and anointing of the Holy Ghost was present. Old-time shouting, dancing and praising God was enjoyed. We feel like moving on. These

In Memory of

BARNETT

Sister Anna Lee Barnett, wife of Clint Barnett, was born September 24, 1888, and died September 28, 1943. She was one of the faithful members of the church at Winchester, Ky.—E. R. Waller, pastor; Martha Reffitt, reporter.

CECIL

Essie Abney Cecil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cosh Abney, was born January 9, 1918, and departed this life October 21, 1943. She was a faithful worker in the church and was secretary and treasurer of Sunday School for a number of years.—E. R. Waller, pastor; Martha Reffitt, reporter.

MAYFIELD

Sister Leola Mayfield, wife of Rev. E. M. Mayfield, departed this life October 10, 1943; age forty-one years, five months and four days. She was a member of the Rosalie, Ala., Church of God.—Myrtle Murphy, Rt. 1, Box 159, Henagar, Ala.

JARRETT

Sister Mamie Jarrett, a devout Christian, went to be with Jesus October, 1943, after a short illness, age thirty-three years.—Rev. Jesse K. DeGolyer, pastor, Box 31, Eckman, W. Va.

DOWELL

Rev. S. A. Dowell, a faithful minister of the Church of God, departed this life October 11, 1943; age forty-one years and seventeen days. He leaves his wife and two children, relatives and many friends to mourn his passing.—His pastor, E. P. Burrow, Chilhowie, Va.

DILLINGER

George Franklin Dillinger was born February 27, 1870, and slipped away to be with Jesus October 31, 1943.—Edward Saxton, pastor.

services were conducted by our pastor, and several other preachers at different times would preach. Thirty-one were saved, twenty-seven sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and twenty-one added to the church.—W. C. Hendrix, clerk.

New Church at Burlington, N. C.

The church at Burlington was set in order in 1940, after Rev. L. O. Henry, who is our pastor at present, and Rev. D. R. Robinson held a wonderful tent revival here. A three-room house was purchased then, with a nice lot in a good location. One room was built on to the house later and we worshiped there until August 1, 1943. We had the first service in the new church on Sunday, August 1, our home-coming. We also dedicated it free of debt. We thank the Lord for our Ladies' Willing Workers' Band. The devil said we couldn't complete the church in time for our home-coming, but our good pastor said by the help of the Lord we were going to have service there on that day. The ladies began to sand the pews and stain them. They also pur-

chased a nice runner for the aisle, around the altar and on the rostrum. They had the church wired and bought some real nice light fixtures and the church was completed on the 29th of July. It is built of cement brick, 32x60. The value is approximately \$7,000. There is nothing impossible with God. A revival was started on that day by Rev. Ray Collins, of Paw Creek, N. C. Seventeen were saved, seven sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his family. They have really worked since being in Burlington. If he had not been so faithful, we could not have had the church we have now. Pray for Brother Henry and his work here. — C. H. Rochester, clerk, Graham, N. C.



REV. L. O. HENRY, Pastor



Ministers' Meeting, Lewiston, Idaho

The ministers' meeting convened at Lewiston Oct. 20-22. Our esteemed state overseer moderated. God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost surely met us there. Power was manifested wonderfully; messages were given in

tongues and interpreted. The ministers seemed to be anointed especially. Sermons were grand; business wonderful. Some were saved and six came into the church, including one minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. King. Evangel subscriptions taken in the

meeting were fifty; our ten-cent aged ministers' quota went over the top with an additional offering, making a total of \$50. God is doing for us in Idaho, whereof we are glad.—Floyd A. Boger, 715 Superior St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Church at South Boston, Virginia, Has Had Steady Growth



Indebtedness on This Beautiful New Church Paid Off

The Church of God at South Boston, Virginia, had home-coming and note-burning Sunday, August 1, having paid its entire indebtedness in less than four years since purchasing the lot.

This work was principally started by Evangelist Bessie Puckett, who, having been led of the Lord to come here, started prayer meetings in homes, from homes to services in tobacco barns, from tobacco barns to a grove meeting here in the city, where a revival broke out and many were blessed.

From the grove they went to a mission hall. It was here that Rev. A. O. Stewart, district pastor, set the church in order and appointed Evangelist Bessie Puckett to serve as pastor. A lot was purchased on the corner of Wilburn Avenue and Easley Street, at a cost of \$450, on one of the finest streets and in one of the best locations in the city. A sum of money was borrowed from Mr. J. M. Burton, a friend, on personal signatures; namely, J. R. Allred, L. E. Allen, M. F. Wilkerson, Earnest Murphy, their wives, and Bessie Puckett.

The building was ready to move into in a few months, most of the work being done by the faithful brethren and friends of the church. Much had been done and several notes had been

paid when the writer was sent here to serve as pastor, Sept. 15, 1943. We have paid off the balance of the notes, put in nice light fixtures, guttered the church, built a nice Sunday School room, installed a light furnace, painted inside and out and made a lot of other little improvements, which have added to the church's beauty.

Notice the picture of the church, and this fine group of saints and friends. At the extreme left front row is the present pastor, next is the clerk, L. E. Allen; the former pastor is standing in the second row in front of right door. We had the note-burning inside the building.

The church has had a steady growth since being organized. After all exclusions, and many transferred to defense areas, we still have a membership of fifty-four. All of this has been accomplished by a special favor from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and this group of big-hearted saints and friends, along with the business men of the city. This church has been built and has met all of its financial obligations from the foundation to this day, on free-will offerings. Most every one who sees this building says it is one of the most beautiful church buildings in the State of Virginia. — C. W. Collins, pastor.

Divinely Healed Several Times

ALBION, N. Y. — I am testifying of what great things God has done for me. I had a spell in June and was real sick for several days. I just lay lifeless, didn't eat anything. My family thought I would die. Some of my neighbors said if we didn't get a doctor they would give us until the next day, but that day God let me get up and go downstairs. I was lying on the davenport. One of the neighbors came in, took my hand and said, "Your hands seem deathly; you don't seem to have life. Will you tell me why you won't have a doctor?" I told her I didn't want a doctor and asked her if she didn't believe God could save her soul. She said, "Sure He can." I said, "If He can save your soul, He can heal your body." She said, "I know you are living just like you say and I wish there were a few more just like you." Just think what God can show a Roman Catholic in our lives. Well, I was healed. Then in July I was tried again. I was sore from the sole of my feet to the crown of my head; just as old Job was, only I didn't have as much faith as Job, but I didn't have a doctor. My son-in-law came in. He said, "Granny, I believe you ought to have a doctor for it may be pellagra." I also had a struggle with my daughter-in-law, but haven't had a doctor yet, only my heavenly doctor, and I am well today, not a sore on me.

I praise God for healing me. I have been healed several times. I praise Him for His goodness and kindness to me.—Dea Llewellyn, 155 Temperance St.

Keep Holding On—He Will Heal

LaBELLE, Fla.—I am glad to tell of the great healing power of Jesus that never has failed us in the past fifteen years, since we have been taking Jesus as our healer. I had been bothered for a long time with a breaking out on my head and in my ears. I thank everyone who prayed over and anointed the handkerchief for my healing. At camp meeting the work was completely done.

I have been healed many times and thank the Lord for it. I remember some time back I suffered with a severe headache and had prayer time after time, but one time somebody's prayer went through. If we will just keep holding on and trusting in Jesus He will surely bring it to pass.—Lela Culpepper.

GOD'S GIFT . . . THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

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one gives nearly so much as the one who gives his life—he gives all, nothing reserved. The time element is important in consideration of the usefulness of a gift. How long will it last? The life and teachings of Jesus have been the central factor in the world conflict for right; every heart that fights for truth and purity finds in Jesus a great inspiration. Bunyan wrote that when Pilgrim, standing before the cross, lifted his eyes to look upon Christ, the burden rolled from off his back. So it has ever been. Deliverance from the weight of guilt has come to men at the foot of the cross—and what a deliverance! During all the wild, stormy nights of discouragement, nothing can be more encouraging, comforting, and consoling than a little talk with Jesus; and Jesus instills the beginning of eternal life. Our souls are led from the great forest of sin into the highway of eternal life, leading into the presence of God.

Of all the times of the year, some men will pick Christmas to shoot fireworks and to have their toddies, egg-nogs, and intoxicating liquors, and propose thus to celebrate Christmas. But how could one worship sincerely the little Babe of Bethlehem in such a manner!

Dear saints of God, it seems to me that we should take this time of the year to think of giving our children to God and to His cause. It should remind us of God's great gift to us, and we should be willing to give them for others.

May we praise God for His gift—the Christ of Christmas! May we worship Him sincerely in spirit and in truth. God's gift, the marvelous Christ of Christmas, stands every test by giving the everlasting gospel and such a unique gift of invaluable worth—all because He loved, thus proving His motive! It has been said that it is not love that is not willing to give *everything*. Thank God for His unspeakable and indescribable Gift! Amen.

INSTITUTIONS . . . THEIR FUNCTIONS AND MOTIVES

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Our missions, aged ministers, ministers' widows, Bible schools, orphan homes, and the local churches depend directly on business for their support.

But I had rather see them retarded than see them increase on ill-gotten gains that God could not add His spiritual blessings to.

The motive of business is self-interest. But when one sacrifices self-respect for self-interest, he is always the loser.

So we draw the conclusion that if one is to please God and prepare for eternity, he will have to engage in lawful and honest business that will find a legitimate place in the world and will serve an honorable purpose.

The End

THE BIRTH OF A NEW KING

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made known to many millions who do not know Him. This world needs to know Him. Let us pray that we will have an old-time revival and that men and women will fall before this wonderful King, confess their sins, be redeemed from sin, sanctified through His blood, and filled with the Holy Ghost so that they may sing His praises with a determination to let the world know that our Christ is living, so that on that final day when brought into judgment it cannot be said, "You never mentioned Him to me."

BE THANKFUL

I do trust that on this Christmas we as God's people, the Church of God, will be thankful as never before. When we stop to think of the many millions who are homeless in some countries, without food, separated from their friends, many of them never to see them again in this world, how thankful we should be that we are living in a country where we can worship God under our own vine and fig tree unmolested, according to the dictates of our own conscience! May we praise our God and be thankful for this glorious opportunity, and may the God of heaven bless this poor, war-torn world and heal the wounds of those who are wounded. Amen.

THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER

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and He knows just the kind of comfort and blessings that everyone needs. He who was born among the cattle, was cradled in a manger, knows how to enter the homes of the poor as well as the rich. He knows just how we feel. He knows about the burdens that are crushing us down at this particular time. Yes, thank God, He is

touched with the feeling of our infirmity. He is the one that wept at the grave of Lazarus. He stilled the troubled sea and we are happy to know that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

HE SHALL SAVE—HE SHALL RULE

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which is to come: and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church," Eph. 1:21, 22. "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," Phil. 2:10, 11. Satan had bruised Christ's heel, but Christ had bruised Satan's head. Gen. 3:15.

HE SHALL RULE

"But thou, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel," Micah 5:2.

As we have already pointed out, the first work of Christ after He had taken upon Him our nature, was to die for our sins. Apart from this He had no mission in the earth. His ruling work also began in His triumph over Satan through the power of the Holy Spirit, by which He performed His miracles. However, before He can fully rule over His ancient people, the Jews, He must set up the kingdom of heaven upon earth. This setting up of the kingdom has, in the light of Micah 5:1, a beginning in troublesome times when there will be military action in which Israel will be involved. Nevertheless, despite the smallness of these scattered and peeled people, it remains that Christ will subdue their enemies and institute the long delayed kingdom. Here is a glorious and victorious anticipation by the prophet, but the time will come in which it shall be a reality. There is great consolation in these days of trouble, war, bloodshed, distress and sorrow, to have something to lean upon. As we have trusted and found out that it is true that "he shall save," we can with equal confidence expect that "he shall rule." Apparently, ideals are becoming mixed in the present state of world politics, and our alliances after the war will be far more threatening, so far as Christianity is concerned, than it is now. This view is supported by the Scriptures.

But as certain as there is a God and that Christ died, He will also reign. The little pastoral people, the Jews, who gave to earth its Savior, though sinful and full of evil as have been other of the human race, it remains that God has promised and that as He has provided a remedy for sin, He will find a way to justify these poor and distressed people, and will, because of His love, deliver His sin-laden people, the Jews, from antichrist and finally set up the kingdom. As God has saved the Gentile by faith, He can and will provide the incident whereby He can, through faith, save the Jews, for said He, "There shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness, and I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced," Zech. 12:10; 13:1.

SUMMARY

This has been probably more of an Easter writing than it has Christmas, but you can't separate the cross and the glory and revelation of Christ from the days of His birth. To do so would be to destroy the whole story; it is all a part of one great whole. The hour of triumph, the hour of victory and glory is near.

God Is Blessing in Every Service

WILLIAMSON, W. Va.—I am sending a note of praise from Williamson, W. Va. The Lord is doing great things for us, for which we are glad. We have secured a two-story, concrete-block building which will serve both as a place of worship and a parsonage. This property is on a main street and highway entering the city and the building's original cost was approximately \$14,000, but the Lord made it possible for us to buy it for less than half the cost of the building. We believe it has been only through the help of God that this has been made possible, for the Church of God has been trying for the last fifteen or twenty years to get a work established here and it is just now becoming a reality.

We thank the Lord for the good, faithful workers we have here. It does your heart good to see how cheerful they are shouldering the responsibilities of the church and working to meet our obligations. And we must not forget to mention the spiritual side also. God is blessing in every service. Sometimes the power comes down

and there is no preaching. Souls are getting blessed in most every service, and folks are getting healed.

We have a radio broadcast each Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00 o'clock in the evening and we are praying for a revival both at the church and on the air. Please pray for the Lord to continue to bless and keep us humble.—H. H. Tygart, pastor, Box 22, Freeburn, Ky.

NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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good. The pastors' reports are very encouraging. I assure you that we will have a well-balanced program to report at the close of this Assembly year.

The offerings that we received in these fellowship meetings are far ahead of last year, and also the improvement of the state property.

Our October reports show (from the ministers and churches) some increase over last year in every department of the church, except attendance in Sunday School. We have had many people to move to other states on defense work, and a number of young men are now in the armed service. This I believe is responsible for the decrease. Please remember us in prayer.—W. J. Milligan, overseer of Kentucky.

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Needless to say, we had a glorious ministers' meeting under the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit. We were so grateful that Brother Paulk could be with us again to assist us in outlining a program for the ensuing year. All the ministers and many delegates were present. Never have we had a greater spirit of cooperation and more determination to promote the program and plan of God.

Permit us to thank the Appointing Board for giving us such a wonderful Christian leader as Brother Thompson. Our people feel that under his capable leadership the Church of God in Montana will make greater progress. This is already evident, judging from the fact that four churches have had or are having revival meetings. We hope to get many new fields open by God's help. Surely both Brother and Sister Thompson are great prayer warriors and consecrated workers.

Pray for us.—Mrs. Edward Yecha, clerk of Montana ministers' meeting.

Enjoyed Visit—Had Old-Time Revival

I am still in the battle for God and the right. My visit to the State of North Carolina was grand and I enjoyed myself. I visited fifty homes and had a fine old-time revival at Alarka, N. C., also at Hendersonville. We had a good time with old friends and the church. Pray for our revival that started here the second Sunday night in December. The evangelist will be Rev. Homer Smith, of Natchez, Miss.—J. H. Brooks, pastor, Rt. 2, Box 160, Yazoo City, Miss.

Healed and Saved

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Praise Jesus for His healing and saving power, also keeping power. My husband had a very bad nervous breakdown. He was completely wrecked, but there was much prayer and fasting for him. He was healed, set free and saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. He has been healed for about two months and is perfectly whole today. Pray that the Lord will have His way with him as he wants to give his entire life for service to the Master. We can never praise the Lord enough for what He has done. We have four darling children dedicated to the Lord Jesus.—Mrs. W. R. Holmes.

What We Found in Idaho

A great big welcome, a fine group of people, a big church, parsonage furnished, a people who have a mind to work. We are finishing our church; having wonderful services, the power falling, messages given. God is doing great things for us. We started a revival Nov. 7 with Rev. Clyde M. Cook and his wife joining us Nov. 21 to continue the revival. Pray for us.—Floyd A. Boger, 715 Superior St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Report From Wichita Falls, Tex.

We are sending a special invitation to all service boys in Shepherd Field to attend our services. Our church is located at 309 N. Brook St., pastor's phone 4553. The Church of God at Wichita Falls, Texas, is growing in membership, as well as in Spirit. Through some very spiritual evangelistic sermons preached by our pastor, Rev. C. H. Gardener, several have prayed through and joined the church. In a special drive for the orphanage this month we raised \$31.—Mildred Goforth, Wichita Falls, Tex.

That Holy Night

By Laura Jeanette Larson

*One sweet, still night the moon looked down
Upon a quiet, resting town,
Where in a stable, on the hay,
A new-born Baby sleeping lay;
Unconscious that within His soul
God placed a closely written scroll
Which He was destined to unfold
Midst wonders that were manifold.
Unknowing that His words should fly,
Like winged birds across the sky,
Two thousand miles across the sea.
No, little knew nor cared, did He
THAT HOLY NIGHT!*

*Small wonder that the angels sang
'Til through the heavens anthems rang;
For 'neath that cobwebbed stable roof
There was a Prince, new-born, aloof,
The One whose name shall conquer time
And reign supreme from time to time;
A God-sent message from above,
A living token of His love.
O HOLY NIGHT!*

*We thank Thee, Lord, that Thou didst care
Enough to lend Thy treasure rare.
He placed a torch in groping hands
That drove the darkness from sad lands;
He op'd blind eyes that all might see
The glory of Thy majesty.
May all the world Thy praise resound
And glory unto Thee abound,
On bended knee the earth thanks Thee
FOR THAT HOLY NIGHT!*